

ABSTRACT

An in-line coaxial cable connector (10) has a coaxial cable (12) having a central conductor (14) with a first section (14a) exposed, an inner insulation (16) with a second section (16a) exposed; a braided electrical conductor (18) having a third section (18a) exposed, and an outer insulation (20) beginning at the terminus of the third section (18a). A first electrical contact (22) has a first end (24) affixed to the first section (14a) of exposed central conductor (14) and has a hollow second end (26) with at least two contact beams formed to engage a mating electrical contact, not shown. An electrically conductive eyelet (28) is fitted between the inner insulation (16) and the braided electrical conductor (18) at the exposed third section (18a), thus avoiding the necessity of folding back the braid and creating the potential for loose wires that may cause short circuits. An electrically conductive sleeve (30) overlies the third section (18a) and at least a portion of the outer insulation (20) and is fixed thereto, for example, by crimping. An electrically insulating member (32) is fitted over the first electrical contact and has a first end (32a) extending at least partway over the second section (16a) and has a second end (46) extending over the second end (26) of the first electrical contact (22). The terminus of the second end (46) includes a lip (48) forming an alignment area for the reception of the mating electrical contact. The lip (48) protects the contact beams of the contact (22) and eliminates the possibility of the contact (22) mismating with its complement on a mating connector. An electrically conductive metal shell (34) is positioned over the member (32) and extends forward of the second end (26) of the contact (22) and rearward of the sleeve (30) and is crimped to retain its location.